

DEPARTMENTAL WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

BIG AND LITTLE BUGS HIS LIFE STUDY

Investigations of Mr. Pratt, of the Entomological Division, Agricultural Department, Into the Work and Play of Flies and Mosquitoes and the Spread of Disease.

Mr. Frederick C. Pratt, an assistant in the entomological division of the Agricultural Department, has devoted the greater part of his life to the study of bugs, and he has come to be regarded as one of the foremost authorities on the habits and lives of the insects and their capacities for doing harm to the crops and flowers of this country. He has been in the department for several years, and has conducted some of the most important investigations had under the auspices of the chief in entomology, Dr. L. O. Howard. This division is doing a great deal toward finding out the evil habits of bugs and in prescribing compounds for their destruction.

Mr. Pratt is a native of England. He was employed in the great British Museum in his early days, and there gained some idea of the importance of apparently insignificant creatures. While still a boy he sailed for America. He was immediately naturalized and soon had a position in the Agricultural Department. He was employed as a messenger for a few years, and he devoted all the time at his command to the study of bugs and to experiments of various kinds. In a few years he had acquired extensive knowledge in the work of studying the habits of bugs and in preparing them for permanent exhibition. He has a laboratory in a small building near the main building, and there he has done most of his work, although he occasionally goes into the field. He has been promoted from the position of messenger to that of assistant in the division. The rise is due to a distinguished fitness for the work and for persistent volunteer work.

In 1899 Mr. Pratt was sent out by the chief to investigate the theory advanced by the heads of the War Department that flies were capable of transmitting typhoid germs, and that they did transmit germs and infect hundreds of soldiers and others. He went to Leesburg, Gaithersburg and Snakers, making a diligent investigation of the ways of flies and their travels after wallowing in filth. The results of the investigation were given to the public in bulletins. It was found that the flies did spread typhoid, and that numerous cases were directly traceable to those familiar pests. In consequence of close attention to the duties imposed on him, Mr. Pratt took typhoid fever himself, and in November was stricken. He had a severe case of the disease. His investigations were thoroughly made and the results accepted as final proof that the flies are disseminators of disease.

Mr. Pratt was also sent out to study the ways of mosquitoes and to ascertain if they were common carriers in the way of disease. He is now domiciled near Four-Mile Run in the hope of demonstrating the part of the mosquitoes in scattering the germs that cause malaria. He has been on several trips of the kind, and has been on five journeys to remote sections to give expert testimony in regard to the agency of mosquitoes in malarious visitations. The department has been bombarded with inquiries on this subject, and a determined effort has been made to fix the responsibility for malarial troubles so far as it relates to the favorite bird of New Jersey.

In the office of the entomologist Mr. Pratt's main duty is the mounting of bugs and the study of their life and habits. The object is to get their habits down on the books so that remedial treatment may be applied. The permanent exhibits are in the National Museum, and only the working collections are kept in the entomological department. The numerous varieties of beetles are studied in every phase, and the bulletins issued after the experiments have terminated are complete guides to farmers for treating and exterminating them. Beetles attack every variety of tree and shrub and do millions of dollars' worth of damage every year. The experts have discovered the ways of beetles, the time and means to destroy them.

Mr. Pratt's room is replete with specimens of various pests. The work of mounting them is tedious and delicate. He has become expert in the business by practice since 1892.

Mr. Thomas B. Eaton, who has for years been one of the most efficient messengers in the Pension Office, was appointed to a clerkship in that bureau on Saturday last. This well-deserved promotion comes through a competitive examination held some time since in which Mr. Eaton made a most excellent average. Mr. Eaton is a native of Indiana, and was appointed to the position just vacated by reason of promotion in 1893. By his untiring energy he soon became one of the useful employees of this vast Government workshop.

Mr. Eaton is a veteran of the civil war, having served throughout the troublous times of '61-'65 in the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, the regiment commanded by the late General Lawton. Enlisting at Indianapolis early in the war, Mr. Eaton followed his regimental flag during many arduous and trying campaigns throughout the South and Southwest until mustered out at Victoria, Texas, at the close of the war. Mr. Eaton is a member of the G. A. R., and is a prominent Odd Fellow.

Mr. Alfred L. Leonard, assistant chief of the certificate division of the Pension Office, left Saturday for a month's visit and recreation in the mountains of Pennsylvania. His objective point is Blue Ridge Summit, in the heart of the Alpine region of the Keystone State.

A colored employe at the Treasury Department adds a tribute to the many already paid to the memory of Senator McMillan. He says: "His magnificent gift of \$18,000 to the Mary Allen Seminary, of Crockett, Texas, completed its endowment for the education of colored girls. As a member of the colored race I cannot but feel very grateful."

Anchored in a good position under the Secretary of the Treasury is a man who believes that the next war this country engages in will be with the English sparrows. He has been about over the country some and concludes that in a few years the Government will have to take steps to check the enormous increase of sparrows to protect the agricultural interests.

"Everywhere I go," he says, "I find the English sparrow. It used to be that the

bird was confined to our cities, but now it is in the country as well, and the ratio of increase is enormous wherever the birds can find nesting places. Some fool brought a few of these birds over from the Old World, and see what has resulted. In some fields this year they made serious inroads on the wheat and the damage to crops will be greater every year.

"Why is it? You never see the hunters shoot at English sparrows. They seem to prefer to kill native birds."

A State Department clerk says that twenty years ago, Hon. Andrew D. White, then, as now, minister to Germany, received a request that made him several years younger. One day while receiving this note from an old lady in the western part of the United States:

"We are going to give a fair in our church, and I am making an autograph album. I want you to get me the autographs of the Emperor, Empress, the Crown Prince and Bismarck, to tell me to be very careful not to write too near the edge of the squares, as a seam has to be allowed for putting them together."

Mr. Joseph A. Arnold, the assistant chief of the publication division of the Agricultural Department, has a big job. The Department of Agriculture furnishes more business to the printers than any other branch of the Government, and the copy is nearly all prepared in the division with which he is connected. He has been in the division for many years, having worked up to the place of assistant to the chief from the position of proofreader in the Government Printing Office. He is a very capable man, and has charge of the preparation of some of the most important Government publications. Mr. Arnold is on a vacation trip at present. He has been in charge of the division for several weeks.

Mr. F. M. Orcutt, who will next week take a vacation journey, is one of the most active and deserving men working for the Government. He is in the office of the appointment clerk of the Agricultural Department, and is a model clerk. He is a brilliant young man, and will make his mark in public affairs. He is a native of the State of Iowa, and has been in the department for many years. He will spend his vacation with his family at West River, Md.

One of the Agricultural Department experts, who has lately been in California, visited the extensive farm of L. H. Burbank, "Wizard of the Horticulture." Mr. Burbank has mystified his neighbors and all the fruit growers by the remarkable blends he has made. As a mixer of tree and plant life he has no rival. He has succeeded in crossing American and European walnut trees with the famous European walnut, and has raised one tree that sold for over \$3,000. The European walnut has heretofore held the record for the finest grain, but the mongrel far exceeds it. He has developed several new varieties of wheat and other cereals added to the wealth of California.

Prof. W. F. Spillman, agronomist of the Agricultural Department, is in the South attending farmers' institutes. He is at Clemson College, S. C., this week, where the State Farmers' Institute is in session. He has been in that State before, and has made official announcements of his belief that upper South Carolina is the best place in the country for diversified and experimental farming, and he is endeavoring to introduce the culture of grasses. He teaches that cotton is a curse to the South, and that grass and forest crops are the hope of the Southern farmer. Prof. Spillman was an active advocate of grass growing when he was professor in the State Agricultural School of Washington.

ZION CHURCH RELAYS ITS OLD CORNERSTONE

Three Surviving Members of Original Congregation in Attendance After Fifty Years.

The cornerstone laid yesterday for the new John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, on Eighteenth Street between L and M Streets northwest, was the same one that fifty-one years ago entered into the construction of the old building on Connecticut Avenue, presented to the congregation by the late W. W. Corcoran. The old building was recently sold and the old church building formerly occupied by the Berean Baptist congregation was purchased, and is now being remodeled to meet the wants of the new owners.

The cornerstone laying was in charge of Green Mountain Lodge, 1477 U. O. of O. F., the following persons participating in the ceremony: D. B. Webster, George L. Foy, Dr. W. H. Snowden, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church; John C. Murray, Recorder of Deeds; Rev. R. S. Revis, of the Union Wesley Church; Dr. S. L. Carothers, Rev. C. P. Vye, Dr. D. G. Hill, and Miss Laura Tyler.

The three surviving members of the original congregation, organized thirty years ago, occupied seats on the platform. They are Mrs. Evelyn Inghram, Mrs. Martha Pennington, and Mrs. Cordelia Smith.

Snow on Mount Washington.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., Aug. 18.—The rain of Saturday night turned to snow, and there was half an inch on the ground yesterday, with the thermometer at 34. The frost in its fantastic designs was the feature of the summit all day.

Trust Giving Return Tickets.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 18.—The "Post" today says that J. P. Morgan, before leaving London decided that the shipping combination, beginning this week, would issue return tickets good on any vessel controlled by the trust.

CONTESTS FOR GOOD JOBS IN UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE

Civil Service Commission to Hold Examination for \$2,500 Position in the Philippines.

On September 20 the Civil Service Commission will hold examinations in various parts of the United States for the purpose of securing eligibles for the position of expert in animal industry in the Philippine service. The salary of the appointee is \$2,500 per year with cumulative leave of absence.

On September 15 examinations will be held for the position of physiological chemist and pharmacologist of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, and for the position of chief of the drug laboratory at the Department of Agriculture.

The salaries will be \$2,000 per year to the appointees.

GERMAN STATISTICS ON WORLD'S COMMERCE

Exports and Imports in 1901 Were \$23,800,600,000.

Consul Winter at Annaberg Gives Latest Figures—Share of United States Over \$2,600,000,000.

Consul John F. Winter, of Annaberg, Germany, sends to the State Department the latest German statistics on the world's commerce for the year 1901. The total imports and exports were, according to these statistics, \$23,800,600,000.

The following shows the amount of foreign business done by each country:

Great Britain, \$1,155,000,000; British colonies, total, \$2,618,000,000; Germany, \$2,438,000,000; United States, \$2,118,200,000 (according to United States Treasury returns, \$2,349,000,000); France, \$1,618,400,000; Holland, \$1,332,300,000; Austria-Hungary, \$858,800,000; Belgium, \$785,400,000; Russia and Siberia, \$642,600,000; Italy, \$571,200,000; Switzerland, \$389,000,000; Spain, \$282,400,000; China, \$305,000,000; Sweden, \$275,600,000; Argentina, \$250,000,000; Japan, \$238,000,000; Brazil, \$238,000,000; all other countries, \$1,624,340,000. Total, \$23,800,600,000.

MAN 109 YEARS OLD AT FAMILY REUNION

Carried Along His Wife, Who Is 98 Years, at 98 Years.

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 18.—Alexander Ferguson, 109 years old, was among the 200 people who attended a reunion of the Williams and Maynard families in this city Sunday.

Ferguson, who is related to the Maynards, is the oldest man in Indiana. His wife is ninety-eight.

BICYCLE SCORCHER KILLED LADY IN OHIO

Mrs. Emma Schieble Run Over While Returning From Church.

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Emma Schieble, wife of a prominent business man, was run down by a bicycle racer Sunday and received injuries which resulted in her death.

Mrs. Schieble was on her way home from church and had just alighted from a car when a scorching dashed down the main street hill on the wrong side of the street.

MISS GLADYS DEACON'S DENIAL CONFIRMED

By Commerzienrath Von Siemke, of Berlin.

STORY IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE

Royal German Councillor Emphatic in His Denouncement—Lays the Blame to French Jealousy of Germany's Popularity in America.

Not only does Miss Gladys Deacon deny the story of an alleged love affair between herself and the German crown prince, emanating from and published in the French newspaper "Le Matin," in most positive language as absolutely false, but she is also supported in her statement by Herr Hermann von Siemke, royal councillor of commerce (commerzienrath) of Berlin, who is in this city on a tour of the United States.

Speaking of the affair last night in the New Willard Hotel, Herr von Siemke said:

"The whole story is a web of falsehoods from beginning to end, as every sane man will admit who knows anything at all of the discipline with which the German Emperor has imbued his children. He is a loving father withal, and there has never been the slightest doubt as to the purity of his moral character. His home life is exemplary, his majesty being the most devoted of husbands and kindest of fathers. His children not only love but idolize their father, and vie with each other in obeying his slightest wish and desire. There has never been any doubt as to that, and you Americans know there has never been any scandalous stories told about his majesty or any member of his family."

The Story a Fabrication.

"But now let me come to this fabrication. I suppose you know that the socialist newspapers in Berlin keep their eyes open for any and everything that would throw discredit on the Emperor or any member of his family, or, in fact, on any member of any royal house. These papers are unusually well informed about the doings of our Emperor. After the once got hold of a piece of news concerning Emperor William, his aims and views and his private conduct, they will print it, no matter what the consequences. Now, then, it is not likely that these papers, which have agents and correspondents everywhere, should have closed their eyes to the love affairs of the crown prince, had there been any such, as reported by the French press. And another thing is this: The English press, as you well know, is not altogether too friendly disposed toward us Germans, I'm sorry to say. They keep a sharp and watchful eye on us, and everything that goes on at the German capital. How is it that they did not say anything about that matter? Strange, isn't it? Don't you think it is also peculiar that no other paper took the matter seriously, not even our own socialist papers?"

"Only the French papers exploited the story. The French don't like us, and since our Emperor is endeavoring to show his friendship for America the French have become very jealous. You know the French always thought they had a mortgage on American friendship. They sneered at the visit of Prince Henry, and they almost jumped out of their skins when the Emperor presented to America the statue of Frederick the Great. They expected President Roosevelt to politely decline the gift. Your President did just the opposite."

COSTLY TOMBSTONES FOR LEITER SPANIELS

Miss Daisy Pays Tribute to "Her Best Friends."

Two costly tombstones have been erected over the graves of the two Japanese spaniels, at Linden Lodge, the Lake Geneva, Ill., home of the Leiters. In life these animals were the property of Miss Daisy Leiter and she frequently asserted that they were her best friends.

The dogs were presented to her by Joseph Leiter, her brother, and were highly prized by every member of the family. The first of the dogs died at the Washington mansion of the family April 14 last, and six days later the second passed away out of grief over the loss of her companion.

The bodies were taken to the Illinois estate where they were interred with impressive ceremonies.

BISHOP CONATY STIRS NEWPORT SOCIAL SET

Washington Prelate Preaches on Popular Vices.

Declares That the Bans of the Church, Home, and State Are Fast Loosening.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 18.—At the fifth anniversary celebration of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church yesterday, Bishop Conaty of the Catholic University, at Washington, D. C., in the presence of Cardinal Gibbons, who occupied the throne, and bishops and priests from all parts of the country, delivered a sermon which startled the many society people assembled there.

Bishop Conaty spoke freely on the popular vices and follies of the day. He did not mince his words. He said the only salvation of society was the church, and it was its bulwark for safety. In these days, he said, the fundamental principle upon which society rests is disregarded, and the bans of the church, home, and state, are fast loosening. The wantonness of divorce, he said, and the heinousness of private life were prominent in the press and elsewhere.

PRESIDENT TAUGHT HIM HOW TO FIGHT BEARS

Colorado Man Has Desperate Encounter With Two.

RIFLE, Col., Aug. 18.—W. E. Tribble is the hero of a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with two bears, and that he escaped with his life was due, in part, to the visit of President Roosevelt to this part of the country two years ago. Mr. Roosevelt then showed the old guide just how to give the coup de grace to a bear with the knife. Tribble, while in the mountains, was surprised by a grizzly, and succeeded in dispatching him a la Roosevelt. When confronted by another big bear he dispatched it in like manner. Tribble was covered with wounds, but managed to crawl to his horse and ride to camp, where he secured medical attention.

"HEAVY STRIKERS" WANT AN INCREASE IN WAGES

New York Blacksmiths and Helpers Walk Out.

One Thousand Men Quit Work, Crippling Business, and Handicapping Shipbuilders.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers ordered a strike today in all the shops where members of the union are employed, that do not grant an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

The men are employed principally in shipyards, and in some of them they quit work this morning, because their demands were not complied with. Nearly 1,000 men quit work in the various yards. There are between 3,500 and 4,000 members of the union in Greater New York.

Among the largest concerns interested and affected by the strikers, are the Morse Iron Work and Dry Dock Company, and others situated at the Erie Basin, South Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, Mott Haven, Harlem and at other points.

As this is the busiest season of the year in the shipyards, the shipbuilders are badly handicapped by the strike.

EUROPEAN ARISTOCRATS BEHIND PRISON BARS

Titled Noblemen Numbering 18,735 in Servitude.

VIENNA, Aug. 18.—The "Morgen Zeitung" has collected statistics which show a large number of the aristocrats of Europe now serving terms in the various prisons of the continent.

According to these statistics there are 12,000 titled noblemen in servitude in Russia; 5,400 in Italy; 985 in France, and 1,550 in Belgium.

These include two Italian dukes of No. 1,000,000, who are in prison for the murder of an officer; the Duke of Caracola, held for the poisoning of his wife; the Belgian Marquis Varela, for the murder of his mother, and Prince Charles Delozcoswarem, for several violent crimes.

PERSIA'S SHAH TIMID: TRAIN WAS RUN SLOWLY

Twenty Miles an Hour Fast Enough for the Oriental Potentate.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Before the Shah left Dover for London this morning he received the mayor and corporation of the borough who presented an illuminated address. At 9:30 his majesty, accompanied by Prince Arthur of Connaught took a train for the capital, a band playing the Persian National Hymn.

Owing to the Shah's timidity it was arranged that the train should not travel at a greater speed than twenty miles an hour, which was to be reduced to ten miles an hour in rounding curves.

LOCAL MENTION.

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ELOPEMENT SHOCKS SIOUX "FOUR HUNDRED"

Mary Ann Big-Woman and Amos Yellow Hawk Ride Away Together.

OACOMO, S. D., Aug. 18.—The Sioux 400, many of whom are spending the summer here, are dreadfully shocked over the actions of Amos Yellow Hawk and Mrs. Mary Ann Big-Woman.

Yellow Hawk is a graduate of Carlisle and has been civilized up to goo-goo eyes and hat talk.

Mrs. Big-Woman is wife to a chief and Yellow Hawk is also married. They fell in love, arranged for relays of ponies and eloped.

Galloping astride of her ponies, Mrs. Big-Woman covered eighty miles yesterday, but then had forgotten the white man's telephone.

The Rosebud police were summoned and stirring around the reservation to the south, the red sweethearts were cornered. Amos Yellow Hawk is back to the blanket in the agency guard-house. A pow-wow of the case will be held tomorrow to determine the fate of Mrs. Mary Ann Big-Woman.

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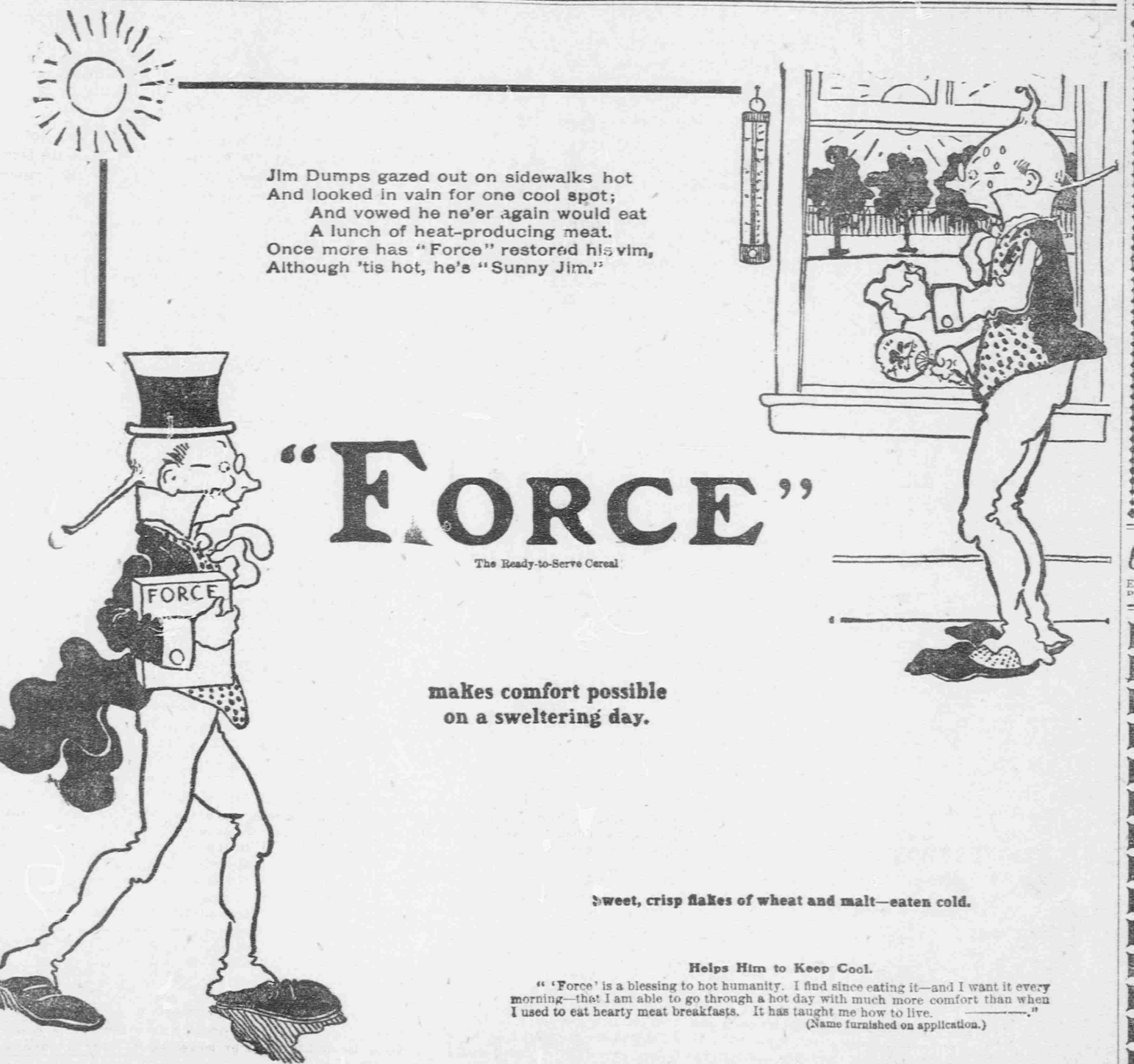
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